4,985·17 tons of small bamboos were supplied to the Mysore Paper Mills, Ltd., Bhadravati, and 5,14,561 bamboos of assorted dimensions to the Defence Services. The value of bamboos extracted by private agency increased by Rs. 37,917.

15. *Exploitation of Sandalwood.*—A quantity of 1,586·13 tons of rough wood was collected during the year and added on to the stock of 1,296·16 tons in kotis. 1,729·12 tons were converted, the outturn therefrom being 1,266·8 tons of good wood. One thousand four hundred and ninety-two tons were supplied to the Sandal Oil Factories for distillation purposes and shipment to New York and 247·10 tons were sold in retail and through agents. The rates for sale of sandal were again revised in conformity with the rates fixed by the Madras and Coorg Forest Departments. The revenue realised by the sale of sandalwood improved by Rs. 1·08 lakhs as a result of the enhancement in selling rates and the release of large quantities for sale.

16. *Financial Results.*—The department had once again a very successful year. The revenue, excluding realisations from the sale of sandalwood oil, totalled to Rs. 43·42 lakhs and exceeded that of the previous year by Rs. 10·9 lakhs and was the highest on record. Expenditure for the year amounted to Rs. 23·99 lakhs, being an increase of Rs. 3·8 lakhs over that of the previous year. The net surplus was Rs. 19·42 lakhs, as compared with Rs. 12·24 lakhs in the previous year.

17. *Game and Game Laws.*—Including one case of last year, seven cases under the Game Laws came up for disposal during the year. Five of these ended in conviction and two were pending disposal at the close of the year. All the existing tiger blocks were maintained in good condition and one more tiger block in the Bhadravati Division was notified during the year. The bird sanctuary in Seringapatam Taluk continued to be in charge of Mr. J. De Wet Van Ingen, Honorary Warden of Fisheries, whose term of office was extended by another year from 14th February 1945.

18. *Elephants.*—The strength of elephants at the end of the year stood at 55. The general condition of the elephants was satisfactory and they were, as usual, employed on timber dragging and *shikar* purposes.

Two Kheddas—one in January 1945 and the other in May-June 1945—were staged at Bandipur when 44 elephants were captured. Thirty-one of these and calf of elephant Padmavati were sold for Rs. 80,850. Eleven elephants valued at Rs. 40,000 were retained by the department. The total expenditure on account of the two kheddas was Rs. 20,198-3-0.

As in the previous year, wild elephants caused a considerable amount of damage to standing crops. A special staff consisting of 10 supervisors and 34 catchmen was employed in 14 centres to patrol the affected areas and to drive away the elephants with the assistance of the local raiyats. The operations undertaken during the year involved an expenditure of Rs. 5,018-5-0.

The work of the department continued to be satisfactory.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

Approves of the grant-in-aid rules for the Mid-day Lunch Scheme in High, Middle and Primary Schools.

READ—

Letter No. E. 7439—Edn. 110-45-32, dated 27th May 1946, from the Secretary to Government, Education Department, to the Director of Public Instruction intimating that a sum of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand) has been included in the current year's (1946-47) budget for the mid-day lunch for pupils of High, Middle and Primary Schools in the State and requesting him to submit draft grant-in-aid rules and to suggest an organisation to administer the scheme.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. M7.2814-2—45-46, dated 13th August 1946, from the Director of Public Instruction submitting for approval draft grant-in-aid rules for the Mid-day Lunch Scheme.

ORDER NO. E. 2796-97—EDN. 110-45-53, DATED BANGALORE, THE 8TH OCTOBER 1946.

Government are pleased to approve of the Grant-in-aid Rules for the Mid-day Lunch Scheme as appended hereto.

The Director of Public Instruction is requested to forward a detailed list of allotment of the provision for pupils studying in the several grades of education, under the control of the Education Department.

K. THIPPERUDRIAH, *Edn. Secy.*

ANNEXURE.

Rules of Grant-in-Aid for the administration of the Scheme of Mid-day Lunch in Schools.

1. The Scheme of Grant-in-Aid for Mid-day Lunch in schools is constituted with a view mainly to provide lunch to deserving and poor pupils.

2. A lumpsum provision will be made in the departmental budgets every year for distribution as grant-in-aid to the committees undertaking the mid-day lunch arrangement. This provision shall be distributed by the Director of Public Instruction among all the districts in the proportion he considers necessary. The Director shall also have the power to reappropriate the amounts so allotted from one district to another.

3. The District Educational Officers shall award grants to such of the schools as have started the Mid-day Meal Scheme subject to the following rules.

4. The Management of the Mid-day Meal Scheme for each school shall vest in a Committee consisting of the Head Master, Two Assistant Masters, a local Medical Officer (if available), three influential non-officials. The Head Master shall be the Secretary and the District Educational Officer shall appoint one of the non-officials as Chairman of the Committee. The Committee shall be constituted once in three years by the Inspecting Officer in charge of school on the recommendation of the Head Master of the school concerned.

5. The Government grant to each school in respect of this scheme shall ordinarily be not more than one-half of the actual cost. The balance of expenditure shall be met by the Managing Committees, out of contributions from public bodies like the local Municipality, District Board, and donations and subscriptions from the general public either in kind or coin and out of the interest on endowments wherever such endowments exist. In the case of compulsory attendance areas and harijan and slum areas in towns and cities, the entire cost of Mid-day Meals may be met by the department out of the allotment made.

6. Wherever the Managing Committees of the Mid-day Lunch Scheme constitute an endowment of Rs. 1,000 and above, the Government grant shall be equal to the interest realised on the endowment or half the actual cost of the scheme as laid down in paragraph 5 supra, whichever is more.

7. The amount of Government grant will depend upon the sanctioned provision in the Departmental Budget and cannot be claimed as a matter of right.

8. The grant sanctioned to a school in a particular year shall lapse if it is not drawn before the close of that year.

9. The accounts relating to receipts and expenditure in respect of mid-day meal arrangement shall be maintained by the Secretary of the Committee separately without mixing them up with the school accounts.

10. All amounts received in the shape of donations, subscriptions, etc., shall be deposited in a Government or Postal Savings Bank in the name of the Secretary and should be drawn when required.

11. Every expenditure shall be incurred by the Secretary as per resolutions of the Committee and proper vouchers therefor maintained.

12. The Committee shall meet once a month and scrutinise the accounts and transact other business in regard to the administration of the scheme. The minutes of all the meetings of the Committee shall be recorded in a book and the extracts sent to the Inspecting Officer in charge of the institution regularly.

13. The accounts shall be audited every month by one of the Members of the Committee.

14. A half-yearly return of the amounts collected and the expenditure incurred should be submitted in the following form by the Secretary to the Inspecting Officer in charge of the school.—

(*a*) Opening balance.
(*b*) Receipts during the half year.
(*c*) Total.
(*d*) Expenditure during the half year.
(*e*) Balance :—In savings Bank. On hand.

15. The committees concerned shall apply not later than the end of August every year to the District Educational Officer concerned for grant-in-aid, furnishing the necessary information.

16. The committee shall make available all the account books to the Inspecting Officer at the time of the annual inspection for scrutiny.

17. The menu for the mid-day meal shall consist of healthy items and be prescribed by the Managing Committees according to circumstances and needs of the time or requirements of the place, as conditions vary from place to place.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Sanctions revised rules for granting allowances to Typists and Steno-typists in lieu of special scales of pay.

ORDER NO. Fl. 2315-85-S. & A. 56-46-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 17TH OCTOBER 1946.

The question of regulating the scales of pay and promotion of Stenographers and Typists on some uniform basis has been under the consideration of Government for some time past, there being wide disparties at present in the scales allowed from office to office and from department to department. This lack of uniformity has given room for recommendations being made by Heads of offices and departments for revision of scales of pay or for special promotion in individual cases.

2. On a careful examination of all aspects of the case, Government consider that there is no need for the existence of separate scales of pay for clerks on the one hand and of typists and steno-typists on the other, and that it would adequately meet the requirements if an allowance is given to officials who may be detailed for work as typists and steno-typists on account of their possessing the necessary additional typewriting and shorthand qualifications, their scales of pay being the same as that of clerks of the corresponding cadre. Government also consider that the grant of such an allowance might prove an incentive to clerks qualifying themselves as steno-tyists.

3. The following rules are accordingly laid down regarding the appointment of Typists and Steno-typists in future.

(*a*) There will be no separate cadre of Typists or Steno-typists as such in the several offices. But instead, the existing number of typists would be included in the clerical grades of each office.

(*b*) The Head of the office will select from among his clerks, the required number of Typists and Steno-typists, who have duly qualified themselves by passing the technical examinations, and the clerks so selected will be given allowances at the following rates, in addition to their pay, as long as they continue to discharge the duties of Typists and Steno-typists.

STENO-TYPISTS.

Headquarters of Districts.

	Rs.	a.	p.
1. Officials who have passed the Senior Examinations both in Shorthand and Typewriting.	15	0	0
2. Officials who have passed the Senior Typewriting Examination with or without a pass in Junior Shorthand Examination. ...	10	0	0
3. Officials who have passed Junior Shorthand and Junior Typewriting Examinations ...	5	0	0

Other Places.

1. Officials who have passed the Senior Examinations in both Shorthand and Typewriting. ...	10	0	0
2. Officials who have passed Senior Typewriting with or withourt a pass in Junior Shorthand Examination ...	7	8	0
3. Officials who have passed Junior Examinations in Shorthand and Typewriting ...	5		0

(*c*) Hereafter, recruitment should be first to the clerical cadre in each department, according to the general qualification of the candidates and the clerks so recruited and drafted for typing or steno-typist work according to their additional technical qualifications will be given the allowances as prescribed above, the number of allowances in the case of each establishment being restricted to the total number of posts of typists and steno-typists as in the present sanctioned scale, future additions being regulated according to orders of Government.

(*d*) The present incumbents who have been recruited as Typists and Steno-typists will be counted under the corresponding cadres of clerks in each office, or, at their option allowed to retain their existing special grades of pay, if any.

B. S. RAGHAVENDRA RAO, *Finl. Secy.*

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